

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTERNATIONAL CHRONIC FATIGUE AND IMMUNE DYSFUNCTION SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 12, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing May 12, 1997, as International Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome [CFIDS] Awareness Day. We recognize the need to raise public awareness of this debilitating, yet still largely ignored disease that medical experts believe strikes an estimated 2 to 3 million Americans.

Over the past 2 years, I have met many times with the CFIDS patients, many of whom are waging a valiant battle to direct more public attention and resources toward the search for a cure. It is absolutely heartbreaking to see our parents, neighbors, spouses, and children, or anyone suffer through the enduring pain and pervasive weakness of CFIDS. To see vibrant, energetic people stricken with a mysterious ailment that medical professionals cannot cure and others do not understand is both sad and confounding.

Currently, there are relatively few treatments for this terrible disease, and those that doctors do employ have marginal effectiveness. For reasons that researchers do not understand, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is diagnosed mostly in white women, typically in their thirties, though a growing number of children appear to have CFIDS and more men are also being diagnosed. In my home area of eastern Long Island, this cruel disease has stricken a disproportionately high number of people. Experts say an estimated 2,000 cases of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome have been diagnosed throughout Suffolk County. I am committed to supporting every effort to eradicate this horrible malady, and helping those who suffer its disabling wrath.

The sad fact is that doctors and scientists have few answers to this puzzling disease. Though still often treated as depression, researchers have unearthed evidence of subtle abnormalities in the immune systems of CFIDS sufferers. This has led to widely held consensus that Chronic Fatigue is the manifestation of an immune system that has turned on the body that it is supposed to protect.

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has assured me that it is also committed to supporting research that will lead to the discovery of the cause of CFIDS. Just as importantly, we must emphasize the need to develop effective methods for diagnosing, treating, and preventing this crippling disorder.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing International Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome [CFIDS] Awareness Day on May 12. Only through raising recognition of this mysterious ailment can we hope to

discover a cure and attain some measure of relief for those who are caught in its debilitating grip.

IN RECOGNITION OF HELP TO OTHERS, LAKEWOOD, OH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 12, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the accomplishments of an innovative youth program in Lakewood, OH, known as Help To Others [H₂O].

Help To Others is a youth volunteer program sponsored jointly by the city of Lakewood/Division of Youth Services and Lakewood city schools. It was started in early 1993 to enable young people to identify community needs and develop solutions to those needs. The young participants engage in problem solving with adults and institutions. They prove that with an organizational backing, young people can and will choose to get involved in their community.

Help To Others has involved over 350 students from Lakewood High School in over 230 service projects. Those students have donated over 12,000 hours of service.

One of Help To Others' most recognized projects is "Home Alone," a workshop for students in grades 3–5 to help them feel safer and cope better when they are home alone. The young students learn first aid, phone/door greetings, and fire safety. They learn how to deal with general house concerns such as power failure and an overflowing toilet, and they learn coping skills that help them resolve conflicts with siblings and friends.

Home Alone prepares youngsters for the times when they must be responsible for themselves or other children when there are no adults to help. While Home Alone was designed to assist families with latchkey concerns, parents of all children have recognized the value of the information on safety.

Home Alone was created and is staffed by Lakewood High School students. It draws on the knowledge and talents of experts from the Lakewood Division of Youth, Lakewood Hospital, Lakewood Police Department, Lakewood Fire Department, and Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company.

Home Alone was recently recognized by the Points of Light Foundation and was a winner of the BEST Practices Award, which is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education.

INTERNATIONAL CHRONIC FATIGUE AND IMMUNE DYSFUNCTION SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

HON. PAUL McHALE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 12, 1997

Mr. McHALE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize May 12, as International Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome [CFIDS] Awareness Day. This proclamation was presented to the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association of the Lehigh Valley, PA:

PROCLAMATION—INTERNATIONAL CHRONIC FATIGUE AND IMMUNE DYSFUNCTION SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

Whereas, the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association of the Lehigh Valley joins The CFIDS Association of America, the world's largest organization dedicated to conquering CFIDS, in observing May 12, 1997 as International Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Awareness Day; and

Whereas, the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association of the Lehigh Valley is celebrating its fifth year of service to the CFIDS community; and

Whereas, the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association of the Lehigh Valley Recently received its second CFIDS Support Network Action Award for excellence in service in the area of CFIDS Awareness Day in 1996; and

Whereas, chronic fatigue and immune dysfunction syndrome (CFIDS), also known as chronic fatigue syndrome, is a complex illness which affects many different body systems and is characterized by neurological, rheumatological and immunological problems, incapacitating fatigue and numerous other symptoms that can be severely debilitating; and,

Whereas, conservative estimates suggest that hundreds of thousands of American adults and children have CFIDS; and

Whereas, it is imperative that education and training of health professionals regarding CFIDS be expanded and that public awareness of this serious health problem be increased.

Now, Therefore, Congressman Paul McHale does recognize May 12, 1997 as International Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Awareness, commends the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association of the Lehigh Valley on its 5th anniversary and pays tribute to its efforts to conquer CFIDS on behalf of those battling this disabling illness.

Signed and Sealed this Ninth Day of May, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-seven.

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RACE FOR THE CURE IN SYRACUSE, NY, HELPS FIGHT BREAST CANCER

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 12, 1997

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a cochair with my wife, De De, of an upcoming event in Syracuse which not only means something to survivors of breast cancer but promises great hope for us all—because statistics show that one out of eight American families will be touched by the disease. The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure proposes to do something about that.

We are going to defeat this disease if it takes us a lifetime. I am happy to join chapter president Mickey Spanfelner, organizers Barbara Schwartz and Kathy Lahey, and promoters like Big Mike Fiss and Y94 FM radio, as we plan, publicize, and experience the race.

Breast cancer means something personal to both De De and me. Her mother is a vivacious and really outstanding individual, a survivor of the disease. My mother did not survive her bout with breast cancer. But the memory of her courageous fight against all adversity pushes me to join the battle against breast cancer.

That's why we want to invite everyone to join us in celebrating the survivors, and remembering the loved ones we've lost while we support the people who are working so hard to wipe out the disease.

This family event will be held May 17 at Shoppingtown Mall in DeWitt and is open to all. Registration is at 7 a.m. on race day. Live entertainment will begin at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m., the 1-mile walk will begin and at 10:30 a.m. the 5k walk/run will take place.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 12, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, while on official business I was unable to be present for two rollcall votes on May 7, 1997. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall No. 109—"no"; rollcall No. 108—"yes."

ON TORRANCE T. TREFZ'S ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 12, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Torrance T. Trefz of Avon Lake, OH, who will be honored this month for his recent attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work, and the community. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, 12 of which are required, including badges in: Lifesaving, first aid; citizenship in

the community; citizenship in the Nation; citizenship in the world; personal management of time and money; family life; environmental science; and camping.

In addition to acquiring and proving proficiency in those and other skills, an Eagle Scout must hold leadership positions within the troop where he learns to earn the respect and hear the criticism of those he leads.

The Eagle Scout must live by the Scouting Law, which holds that he must be: Trustworthy, loyal, brave, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean, and reverent.

And the Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle project, which he must plan, finance, and evaluate on his own. It is no wonder that only 2 percent of all boys entering Scouting achieve this rank.

My fellow colleagues, let us join Boy Scouts of America Troop 41, in recognizing and praising Torrance for his achievement.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 1997, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 14

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

SD-192

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine program efficiencies at the Department of Commerce and the National Science Foundation.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings on the campaign finance system for presidential elections, focusing on the growth of soft money and other effects on political parties and candidates.

SR-301

10:00 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings on the nomination of Eric H. Holder Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD-226

2:00 p.m.

Select on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Oceans and Fisheries Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 39, to revise the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

SR-253

Select on Intelligence

To resume closed hearings on the nomination of George John Tenet, of Maryland, to be Director of Central Intelligence.

SH-219

MAY 15

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine spectrum issues.

SR-253

Small Business

To resume hearings on the Small Business Administration's finance programs.

SR-428A

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine allegations of sexual harassment in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SH-216

10:00 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the United States and allied efforts to recover and restore gold and other assets stolen or hidden by Germany during World War II.

SD-106

Labor and Human Resources

To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, focusing on student aid delivery systems.

SD-430

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Foreign Operations Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on combatting infectious diseases worldwide.

SD-138

Foreign Relations

African Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine terrorism in Sudan.

SD-419

2:00 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on staff reductions for fiscal year 1997 and 1998 for the National Weather Service.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health to review the Columbia River Basin Environmental Impact Statement.
SD-366

MAY 16

10:00 a.m.
Labor and Human Resources
To hold hearings to examine adult education programs.
SD-430

MAY 19

2:00 p.m.
Special on Aging
To hold hearings to examine the current Medicare payment system, focusing on managed care payment.
SD-562

MAY 20

9:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Interior Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Interior.
SD-124

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Capitol Police Board, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Office of Compliance.
S-128, Capitol
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee
To hold hearings on NASA's international space station.
SR-253
Labor and Human Resources
To hold hearings to examine the quality of various health plans.
SD-430

2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Communications Subcommittee
To resume hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, focusing on efforts to implement universal telephone service reform and FCC proposals to assess new per-minute fees on Internet service providers.
SR-253

MAY 21

9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine program efficiencies at the Department of Transportation and NASA.
SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD-366

Indian Affairs
To hold oversight hearings on programs designed to assist Native American veterans.
SR-485

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs.
SD-192

Foreign Relations
East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the United States implementation of prison labor agreements with China.
SD-419

MAY 22

9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold oversight hearings on the professional boxing industry.
SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources
To resume a workshop to examine competitive change in the electric power industry, focusing on the financial implications of restructuring.
SH-216

Labor and Human Resources
Public Health and Safety Subcommittee
To hold hearings to review the activities of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.
SD-430

2:00 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Communications Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 442, to establish a national policy against State and local government interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or interactive computer services, and to exercise Congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet.
SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold a workshop on the proposed "Public Land Management Responsibility and Accountability Act".
SD-366

Judiciary
Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the anti-trust implications of the college bowl alliance.
SD-226

JUNE 4

9:00 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold oversight hearings on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.
SD-226

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense.
SD-192

JUNE 11

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense.
SD-192

JUNE 12

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To resume a workshop to examine competitive change in the electric power industry, focusing on the benefits and risks of restructuring to consumers and communities.
SH-216

CANCELLATIONS

MAY 13

10:00 a.m.
Budget
Business meeting, to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution on the fiscal year 1998 budget for the Federal Government.
SD-608
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on State pre-emption of TELCO.
SR-253
Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings on the nominations of Patricia A. Broderick and Mary Ann Gooden Terrell, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.
SD-342

POSTPONEMENTS

MAY 15

2:00 p.m.
Foreign Relations
Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the export of the Iranian revolution.
SD-419